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STATUS INQUIRY

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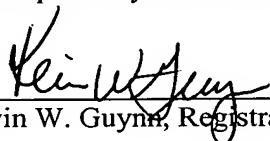
Sir:

Referring to the above-identified Patent Application filed on November 24, 2003, please provide an indication of the status of the identified application and when we might expect to receive further communication regarding this case. The last substantive communication received from the Patent Office was the Filing Receipt dated February 25, 2004.

On April 18, 2005 we received communication from Customer Service Office in Technology Center 3700 that they estimated an Office Action should be received in *approximately one month* from April 18, 2005. As of this writing, we have received no Office Action.

Thank you for your prompt consideration to this Status request.

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